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IMMEDIATE DIR CITE SALV 5296[illegible]
[redacted] WHDIV CUBA CUBAN DEFECTOR
REF SALV 5294

1. MEETING [redacted] (CIA OFFICER) AND [redacted] (CUBAN TARGET) AT HOTEL SAFESITE LASTED 1015 TO 1440 HOURS 27 SEPTEMBER. [redacted]

SO FAR NEITHER [redacted] (24 CHIEF INTEL SERVICE) NOR [redacted] (LIAISON 24) AWARE OF THIS OR REF MEETINGS. [redacted] (CHIEF INTEL SERVICE 24) AND PRESIDENT KNOW [redacted] (CUBAN TARGET) IS [redacted] (CIA) TARGET AND, AS HQS AWARE, HAVE COOPERATED IN PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HIM AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN EXPLOITING [redacted] (CUBAN DEFECTOR) LEADS. IN ADDITION [redacted] (CUBAN TARGET) HAS BEEN CONTINUING TARGET FOR [redacted] (24 LIAISON) AND [redacted] (INTEL SERVICE 24) FOR LONG PERIOD AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO. HENCE THERE IS HIGH RISK [redacted] (24 LIAISON) AND [redacted] (INTEL SERVICE 24) COULD DISCOVER [redacted] (CIA) CONTACT IN FUTURE HANDLING. IN VIEW OF FREE HAND GIVEN [redacted] (CIA) IN THESE OPS BY PRESIDENT (24) AND [redacted] (INTEL SERVICE 24), SUCH DISCOVERY COULD DAMAGE [redacted] (CIA) AND ALL [redacted] (US GOVT) RELATIONS. FOR FOREGOING REASONS, ALTHOUGH [redacted] (CIA OFFICER) AND [redacted] (CIA OFFICER) MUCH DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THIS [redacted] (CUBAN TARGET) OP UNILATERALLY, THEY DEEM IT PRUDENT TO INFORM [redacted] (CHIEF INTEL SERVICE 24) AND PRESIDENT (24) REQUESTING THEY MAKE NO RECORD OF RECRUITMENT AND SIMPLY ACCEPT FUTURE REPORTS AS COMING FROM TRUSTWORTHY SENSITIVE SOURCE, LEAVING MANAGEMENT TO [redacted] (CIA).

2. IN LONG INTERVIEW [redacted] (CUBAN TARGET) GAVE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INFO ON [illegible]ES ACTIVITIES AND HIS RELATIONS WITH OTHER COMMIE PARTIES AND

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CUBA [redacted] HIS INFO SEEMS SUBSTANTIALLY TRUE ALTHOUGH HE HAS WITHHELD OTHER INFO. UNDERSTANDABLY HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT ENTRAPMENT, CIA [redacted] COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT TO REMUNERATE HIM, SECURITY LEAK LOCALLY WHICH HE FEARS COULD RESULT HIS DEATH. HE INDICATES WILLINGNESS CONTINUE IN PARTY ACTIVITIES [redacted], ATTEND CONFERENCES, STRENGTHEN CONTACTS WITH OTHER COMMIE PARTIES, STRIVE GAIN HIGH PARTY POSTS, BE ALERT FOR INTEL ON GUERRILLA WARFARE AND CUBAN [redacted] ACTIVITIES.

3. INFO FROM Cuban Target [redacted] INCLUDES FOLL:

A. HE ARRANGED MOSCOW TRAVEL RECENTLY (SEE SALV 5248) (IN 72???) FOR FOUR SALVS, LETTING THEIR PARENT GROUPS MAKE SELECTIONS. [redacted]
RO [redacted]

B. HE BELIEVES PCES CENTRAL COMMITTEE INCLUDES SHAFICK HANDAL, JORGE ARIAS GOMEZ, RAUL CASTELLANOS FIGUEROA BUT SAYS HANDAL IS ONLY ONE WHOM HE KNOWS ON PCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

C. PARTY PSEUDOS FOR SELF, HANDAL AND CASTELLANOS RESPECTIVELY ARE [redacted]. HOWEVER HANDAL PSEUDO NOW CHANGED TO ANOTHER WHICH COULD NOT RECALL.

D. HE [redacted] TRAINED BY CUBAN [redacted] INTEL; HE HAD GW TRAINING ALSO.

E. PCES HAS ESTIMATED 600 MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH THIS HIS GUESS RATHER THAN HARD INFO. WELL ORGANIZED IN SAN SALV BUT WEAK IN COUNTRY ORGANIZATION DESPITE MANY CAMPESINO MEMBERS.

F. FUAR PRACTICALLY INACTIVE.

G. PCES HAS SUPPORTERS FOR CHICOM LINE AS WELL AS SOV LINE BUT DIFFERENCES HAVE NOT CAUSED SPLIT. LEADERS FAVOR SOV LINE.

H. ROQUE DALTON NOT MEMBER OF PCES NOW BUT PCES AND STUDENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS DISAPPEARANCE. THEY ARE TRYING EXERT PRESSURE ON GOVT THROU GH IDENTITIES, WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT HIS EXPULSION FROM COUNTRY RATHER THAN HAVE HIM LANGUISH IN SOME LOCAL JAIL. GOVT HAS NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT DALTON ARREST OR LOCATION.

[redacted] 24

4. IN LINE PARA 1 REASONING BELIEVE BEST TO INFORM [redacted] (CHIEF INTEL SERVICE) MEETING WITH HIM SCHEDULED 0920 HOURS LOCAL TIME 23 SEPTEMBER. REQUEST HQS VIEWS BY 0830 HOURS.

5. NEXT [redacted] CUBAN TARGET MEETING 1030 HOURS 29 SEPTEMBER. NEXT [redacted] DALTON MEETING MORNING 28 SEPTEMBER AFTER [redacted] (INTEL SERVICE) 24 MEETING.

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[redacted] ASSET ARRANGED EVENING 26 SEPT [redacted] CIA officer MEET WITH [redacted] CUBAN Target.

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